

U. S. S. CANBERRA (CAG-2)

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Subj: USS CANBERRA's ship's history from 15 June 1956 through 31
December 1957

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Encl: (1) USS CANBERRA's ship's history from 15 June 1956 through
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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11/19/57	Istanbul, Turkey	Phaleron Bay, Greece	11/26/57	6th FLT Exercises 26 NOV - 7 DEC, Visited Athens, Greece
12/7/57	Phaleron Bay, Greece	Naples, Italy	12/16/57	6th FLT Exercises 16 DEC 57 - 3 JAN 58, Visited Naples, Italy.

Hull No.: CAG-2

Type: Guided Missile Heavy Cruiser

Name: USS CANBERRA

Builder: Bethlehem Steel Co., Quincy, Mass.

Launched: 19 April 1943

Sponsor: Lady Alice C. Dixon (wife of Sir Owen Dixon - Australian Minister to the U.S.)

Commissioned: (CA-70), 14 October 1943

First Commanding Officer: CAPT Alexander R. EARLY, USN

Inactivated: 6 July 1946

Conversion yard: New York Ship building Corp., Camden, N.J.

Outfitting yard: Philadelphia Naval Shipyard

Re-commissioned: (CAG-2), 15 June 1956

First Commanding Officer: CAPT Charles T. MACRO, USN

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6/15/56				At Philadelphia NAVSHPYD - Re-commissioned
6/15/56	Phila.	NorVa.	8/31/56	Fitting out Phila. NAVSHPYD. 23 AUG, loaded ammunition at FT. MIFFLIN. 25-29 AUG, Structural firing tests and radar calibration. VACAPESOP Area. 30 AUG, Loaded missiles at Yorktown.
8/29/56				
9/13/56	NorVa.	GTMO, Cuba	9/20/56	Provisioning NorVa - ISE VACAPESOP area. 14-18 SEP, Visited Charleston, S.C.
12/6/56	GTMO, Cuba	Portsmouth, Va.	12/13/56	Shakedown-Training-under FLTRACOMD, GTMO. 5-8 OCT, Visited Port AuPrince, Haiti. 27-29 OCT, Visited Port AuPrince, Haiti. 17-19 NOV, Visited Kingston, Jamaica. 29 NOV, gunfire support Ex- Culebra. 30 NOV-3 DEC, Visited Havana, Cuba. 8 DEC, President of Cuba, Batista, came aboard. 12 Dec, off loaded Ammo at Yorktown.
1/28/57	Portsmouth, Va.	NorVa.	1/31/57	Post shakedown overhaul at NorVa. NAVSHPYD. 12/13/56 to 1/28/57. 1/30/57, loaded ammunition in Hampton Roads. 1/31/57, loaded missiles at Yorktown.
2/4/57	NorVa.	GTMO, Cuba	2/8/57	3 FEB, RADM DASPIT (COMCRUDIV 6) shifted his flag to CANBERRA
2/21/57	GTMO, Cuba	NorVa.	2/24/57	Final Acceptance trials, FLT Exercises.

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5/14/57	NorVa.	Bermuda	3/20/57	27 FEB Administration inspection. 28 FEB - 4 MAR Visited Annapolis, MD. 5 MAR - 14 MAR under COMOPDEVFOR RE: Missile capability (VACAPESOP Area). 14 MAR, COMCRUDIV 6 departed CANBERRA 14 MAR, President Eisenhower came aboard for cruise enroute conference with Prime Minister of Great Britain McMillan at Bermuda. USS WOOD & USS BANTON in company. 20 MAR, President left the ship.
3/24/57	Bermuda	NorVa.	3/27/57	26 MAR, loaded missiles at Yorktown, Va. Upkeep - ISE 15-19 APR, under COMOPDEVFOR. Re: Missile Capability (VACAPESOP Area). 30 APR - 2 MAY under COMCARDIV 2 OP order 3-57-for Air Defense exercises. (INTEX 1-57). 7-8 MAY, Received Ammo from USS SURIBACHI, (AE-21), testing SURIBACHI transfer at sea. (RFS especially as regards missiles). 13 MAY - 26 MAY, under COMOPDEVFOR Re:Missile capability (VACAPESOP Area). RFS- 7-8 June, At Annapolis. Embarked Midshipmen for Cruise ALFA. 12 June, Reviewing ship for international naval review.
6/13/57	NorVa	Santos, Brazil	7/2/57	Midshipmen Cruise Alfa - under CTG 40.1 OP order 1-57. CTG 40.1 (COMLANTROLANT) RADM MCMANES. 30 JUN - TE- 40.1.5.2 (RADM NELSON) COMCRUDIV 4 in USS MACON, SANTOS entry GRP Activated.
7/10/57	Santos, Brazil	San Juan, P.R.	7/22/57	Visited Santos 12 JUL rejoined TG-40.1 21 JUL TE 40.1.6.2 San Juan, P.R., Entry GRP detached - OTC COMCRUDIV 4 in USS MACON
7/25/57	San Juan, P.R.	GTMO, Cuba	7/30/57	Visited San Juan
8/1/57	GTMO, Cuba	NorVa.	8/5/57	26 July, Shore Bombardment exercises, Culebra. Visited GTMO, Cuba. AA Exercises Rejoin 40.1 4-5 AUG- off load Midshipmen at Annapolis. upkeep at NorVa. - RFS 8 AUG CAPT F.H. BRUMBY, JR., relieved CAPT C.T. MADRO as Commanding Officer. 19-23 AUG INTEX 2-57.
9/3/57	Norfolk, Va.	Largs, Scotland	9/14/57	Operation "Seaspray"
9/17/57	Largs, Scotland	Suda Bay, Crete	10/7/57	14-17 Sept, visited Largs, Scotland. 17-28 SEP, operation "STEELBACK". 3 OCT entered the Mediterranean in company with USS ALBANY, OTC COMCRUDIV 4 (RADM NELSON) in ALBANY. Joined 6th FLT. 7-9 OCT visit Suda Bay.
10/9/57	Suda Bay, Crete	Izmir, Turkey	10/18/57	6th FLT exercises operation Haystack 3-57 15-16 OCT Shore Bombardment Exercises at Malta. 18-28 OCT Visited Izmir Turkey.
10/28/57	Izmir, Turkey	Istanbul, Turkey	11/8/57	6th FLT Exercises. Exercise "RED EPOCH" 8-19 NOV Visited Istanbul, Turkey.